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In response to the Election Requirement dated February 23, 2004 Applicant elects without traverse Group I, Claims 1-10 and 19-23, drawn to method and apparatus for assisting the placing of an order for manufacturing, classified in class 705, subclass 26.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-10 and 19-23 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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